

A NEW FATHER

Dan lived with his mom and Bren. Bren was his sister. Dan's father [more/ died/ bar] when he was four. He did [not/ me/ was] remember his father much. There were pictures [of/ arm/ low] him all over the house. Dan [cloud/ flower/ wished] he had not died. Some nights [go/ in/ he] heard Mom cry. She did not [know/ lip/ ball] that Dan was still awake.

One [store/ wags/ night] Mom had a date. She said [use/ rat/ she] was going out to dinner. A [man/ hat/ was] rang the doorbell. Dan opened the [door/ bat/ does]. Dan said hello. "Hello. You must [in/ be/ jar] Dan. I am Tom James. I [to/ am/ wet] a friend of your mom's. It [car/ we/ is] nice to meet you," the man [said/ lone/ that]. He shook Dan's hand. Dan did [hop/ not/ kick] like the idea of Mom going [mat/ do/ out] to dinner. He did not know [why/ be/ set]. He just did not like it. [Bat/ Sip/ He] kissed Mom goodbye.

That weekend Tom [know/ rest/ came] over again. "Do you like to [play/ you/ now] ball?" he said to Dan. Dan [said/ tip/ now] yes. They went out to the [hip/ yard/ one]. Tom threw Dan the ball. Dan [in/ had/ girl] fun. Soon they cooked out dinner. Tom [she/ do/ let] Bren help. He held Bren over [put/ fat/ the] grill. She flipped the hamburgers.

Soon Tom [him/ came/ lap] over every night. He ate dinner. Dan [yell/ liked/ this] Tom. Mom seemed happy, too. One [night/ tree/ home] Mom

asked Dan and Bren to [this/ come/ done] into the kitchen. Tom was in [claps/ there/ from], too. "We want to tell you something," [just/ went/ said] Mom. "How would you like to [now/ have/ tart] a new father? Tom has asked [sit/ me/ put] to marry him."

Dan did not [speak/ there/ opens]. He liked Tom. But he did [you/ for/ not] want a new father. Maybe Mom [pears/ loved/ spin] Tom more than Daddy. Dan was [the/ sad/ do].

Later, Mom talked to Dan. She [quit/ hot/ said] that she still loved Daddy. But Daddy [jet/ had/ in] died. Now she loved Tom. She [hears/ thank/ wanted] to marry him. Tom would live [right/ with/ year] them. "I will always love you [meet/ dot/ and] Brenda the most," said Mom. "But I [love/ such/ deep] Tom, too. You do not have [in/ to/ be] call him Dad. You can call [lap/ him/ get] Tom. Dan, he loves you and Bren. [On/ Be/ I] think we will be happy."

Dan [went/ jar/ eat] to sleep. When he woke up [fit/ yes/ he] went to the kitchen. He told Mom [that/ hops/ into] he liked Tom. "I know you [lip/ want/ stop] to be happy. I like Tom. [On/ I/ Go] think that he will be a good [hates/ beams/ father]. I think I will call him Daddy. I [play/ will/ come] still love my Dad, though," said Dan. "[I/ A/ So] will, too," said Mom.